

EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
SOCIAL WORKER SECTION
JANUARY 11, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cornelia Gordon-Hempe, Muriel Harper, Anita Kropf, Virginia Heinemann, Douglas Knight

LEGAL COUNSEL: John Schweitzer

STAFF PRESENT: Kimberly Nania, Karen Rude-Evans

GUESTS PRESENT: Marc Herstand, NASW-WI; Mel Morgenbesser, UW-Madison; Joel Ambeling, Concordia University

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cornelia Gordon-Hempe called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amendments: Letter from Bruce Ratzmann with question on continuing education
Class I hearing – Jeanne Duffy will not appear

MOTION: Muriel Harper moved, seconded by Anita Kropf, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MOTION: Anita Kropf moved, seconded by Muriel Harper, to re-elect Cornelia Gordon-Hempe as Chair, Virginia Heinemann as Vice-Chair and Anita Kropf as Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Amendment: On page 4, under Visitor's Comments, change CSW to ISW in the second sentence.

MOTION: Douglas Knight moved, seconded by Anita Kropf, to approve the minutes of December 9, 1999 as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY CUMMINGS

Secretary Cummings was unavailable.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS

There were no stipulations.

REPORT OF PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

These items were informational.

DISCUSSION OF THE DEFINITION OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK

The definition of clinical social work is found in Chapter SFC 2.01(7).

DISCUSSION OF ADVANCING TO CICSW

The Section discussed the requirements for individuals who have a MSW without a clinical track and want to attain the CICSW. Two years of post-master's clinical supervision, completion of clinical coursework and passing the AASSWB Clinical Exam will be required. The clinical coursework requirement has yet to be defined. The two years of clinical supervision may be simultaneous with the coursework. More discussion is needed before a rule can be drafted.

QUESTION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Section discussed a letter from Bruce Ratzmann of the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare. Viewing a videotaped presentation would not qualify for CE credits as there must be live interaction with the presenter.

DISCUSSION OF INTERNET SOCIAL WORK

The Section discussed a letter from James R. Catlin, CICSW, regarding practicing social work on the internet. The rules of practice as they exist would also hold for internet practice. Anyone considering internet practice is entering into unknown territory and puts themselves at risk. The laws of other states should be checked if practicing across state lines. The Section recommends Mr. Catlin retain a private attorney for his own protection.

DISCUSSION OF CURRENT LEGISLATION

Discussion of current legislation lead to other topics. Rogers Memorial Hospital has changed their job titles so all their social workers meet our requirements. Non-employees may be allowed to attend in-house trainings for CE credits. Social workers are encouraged to keep a copy of the agenda and syllabus with the attendance certificate from all CE courses to verify course content if CE's are audited. Attorney Schweitzer will monitor the progress of the CE legislation.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS

Marc Herstand, NASW-WI, talked briefly about the changes in the rules. Chapter 457.09(5)(a) will be deleted and substituted with Chapter 547.08(1)(c) and (2)(c). Mr. Herstand stated that a clarification on the core clinical coursework would be helpful.

MOTION: Douglas Knight moved, seconded by Anita Kropf, to incorporate core clinical courses into a rule. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Herstand has talked with his counterpart in Nebraska and was given the recommendation to not follow the Nebraska Act. NASW opposes the Nebraska act.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Douglas Knight moved, seconded by Muriel Harper, to recess to closed session pursuant to chapter 19.85(1)(a), (b), (f) and (g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of Class I hearings for Kristi Carr and Lori Lee Whipp, deliberation of proposed stipulations, reviewing case status reports, reviewing applications for certification and training permits and meeting with legal counsel. Roll call vote: Cornelia Gordon-Hempe – yes, Virginia Heinemann – yes, Anita Kropf – yes, Muriel Harper – yes, Douglas Knight – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session recessed at 11:21 a.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Section reconvened in open session by consensus at 1:21 p.m.

MEETING WITH COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORKER'S EDUCATION

Mel Morgenbesser, UW Madison, and Joel Ambling, Concordia University, discussed several issues with the Section. NASW does not support the licensing bill. Douglas Knight stated the Section is not against licensure but is not satisfied with the way this bill was drafted as certain elements were found to be deficient.

The issue of pre-graduation application and testing is in the proposed legislation. Statutory changes, if they occur, will take some time.

The need to facilitate ISW's being able to move towards ICSW certification was discussed. Candidates should be allowed to return to school and take core courses. The UW wants to meet these needs.

The Section would like to meet again with UW faculty at the April 11, 2000, meeting.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Muriel Harper moved, seconded by Virginia Heinemann, to again recess to closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session recessed at 2:21 p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The meeting reconvened in open session by consensus at 4:12 p.m.

VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED/DELIBERATED ON IN CLOSED SESSION

CLASS I HEARINGS

MOTION: Muriel Harper moved, seconded by Virginia Heinemann, to reaffirm the denial of ICSW for Kristi Carr due to inappropriate supervision. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Anita Kropf moved, seconded by Douglas Knight, to request more information regarding the initial supervisor for Lori Lee Whipp. Cornelia Gordon-Hempe and Muriel Harper will review this information when received. Muriel Harper abstained. Motion carried.

CASE STATUS REPORT

MOTION: Anita Kropf moved, seconded by Douglas Knight, to close complaint 98 SOC 028 with an administrative warning. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Anita Kropf moved, seconded by Virginia Heinemann, to close complaint 98 SOC 068 for prosecutorial discretion. Muriel Harper abstained. Motion carried.

MOTION: Anita Kropf moved, seconded by Douglas Knight, to close complaint 99 SOC 049 for prosecutorial discretion. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

MOTION: Muriel Harper moved, seconded by Anita Kropf, to approve the application for CICSW of Angela Miller, approve Amy Lorenz for the Clinical Exam, and deny the applications of LeAnn G. Johnson, Darren LeCount, Anna M. Wilbur and Tammy Kay Snortem. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Douglas Knight moved, seconded by Anita Kropf, to approve the SWTC applications of Amanda Jo Burkhalter, Lisa Engen, Sandra Kay Englert, Melanie D. Faivre, Jason Jay Narlock, Julie Ann Nondorf, Daina Lynn Peterson, Lisa A. Ploessl, Jean P. Rader, Ronald P. Skallerud, and Beth A. Trede, and to deny the SWTC applications of Sara Fry, Kristen Greeley, Tanya Jo Moss, Florence Annette Ninham, Linda Struck and Erica Ullsvik. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER SECTION BUSINESS

The Ethics Board contacted Douglas Knight in December regarding giving presentations for CE credits and being reimbursed. Mr. Knight was informed that there would be no conflict of interest as long as he was not representing the Board or the Section. Mr. Knight asked for this in writing, but has not yet received the letter. Mr. Knight asked John Schweitzer to follow up on this matter.

Cornelia Gordon-Hempe spoke to the Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative social workers on January 6, 2000.

MOTION: Douglas Knight moved, seconded by Anita Kropf, to approve a speaking engagement in Wisconsin Dells on January 21, 2000 for Cornelia Hempe. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Anita Kropf moved, seconded by Douglas Knight, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

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